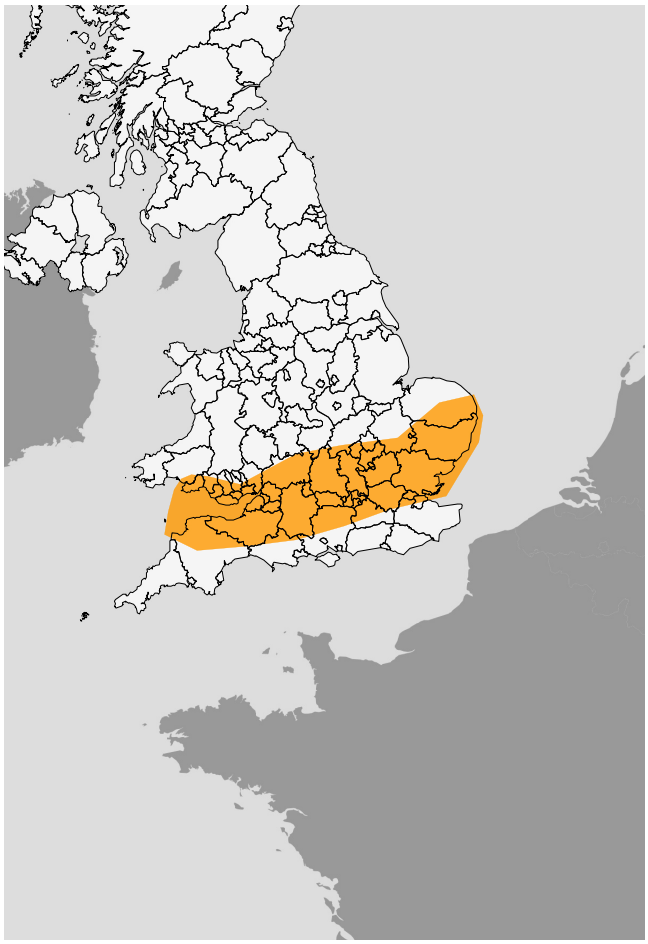
Amber warning
Wind

Between
10:00 Tue 2 Jan 2024 and
20:00 Tue 2 Jan 2024



Storm Henk will bring a spell of very strong winds, causing disruption to travel and utilities.

What to expect

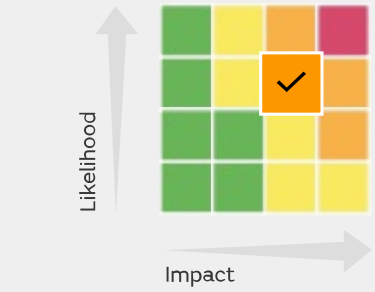
- Longer journey times and cancellations likely, as road, rail, air and ferry services may be affected
- Some roads and bridges likely to close
- Probably some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- Flying debris is likely and could lead to Injuries or danger to life
- There is a good chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage
- Injuries and danger to life is likely from large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads, sea fronts and properties

Further details

A spell of very strong winds, already having affected southwest England, will move eastwards across parts of south Wales, southern England, the south Midlands and East Anglia during the afternoon and evening. Gusts of 70-80 mph are likely on exposed coasts in the west. Inland, gusts of 50-60 mph are more probable, but perhaps briefly 60-70 mph in one or two places.

What should I do?

Driving in these conditions can be dangerous, for yourself and other road users.



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

If you must drive, you can do this more safely by taking the following actions; drive slowly to minimise the impact of wind gusts, be aware of high sided vehicles/caravans on more exposed roads and be cautious when overtaking, and give cyclists, motorcyclists, lorries and buses more room than usual.

Being outside in high winds makes you more vulnerable to injury. Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk, or shelter, close to buildings and trees. In advance of high winds, check for loose items outside your home and secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds and fences.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities

Reason for update

The warning area has been extended slightly southwards across southern England, whilst also trimmed away from parts of the southwest where winds have now peaked.

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All regions & authorities affected

East Midlands

Northamptonshire

East of England

Bedford Cambridgeshire Central Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire Luton Norfolk Southend-on-Sea Suffolk Thurrock

London & South East England

Bracknell Forest Buckinghamshire Greater London Hampshire Kent Medway Milton Keynes Oxfordshire Reading Slough Surrey West Berkshire Windsor and Maidenhead Wokingham

South West England

Bath and North East Somerset Bristol Cornwall Devon Dorset Gloucestershire North Somerset Somerset South Gloucestershire Swindon Wiltshire

Wales

Bridgend Caerphilly Cardiff Carmarthenshire Merthyr Tydfil Monmouthshire Neath Port Talbot Newport Rhondda Cynon Taf Swansea Torfaen Vale of Glamorgan

West Midlands

Warwickshire Worcestershire

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